

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and applaud the 2005-2006
Shelbyville Central High School boys' basketball
team on a tremendous season.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those
successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to
Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Shelbyville Central High School boys' basketball team is one such
estimable team that evinces great sportsmanship and athletic excellence in all their endeavors;
and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Kevin Thomas, the Shelbyville Central High School
boys' basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005-2006 season,
establishing an excellent record of thirty-four wins against only four losses and, for the first time
in team history, advancing to the TSSAA Class 3A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, after crushing Nashville's Hunters Lane High School by the score of 69-60
in the opening round of the State tournament, Shelbyville defeated Memphis's Raleigh Egypt
High School 49-46 in the semi-finals to advance to the State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout, the
Shelbyville boys' basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity
of the State of Tennessee after giving a valiant effort in the 3A State Championship Game and
falling in double overtime to Memphis Hamilton High School by one point, 76-75; and

WHEREAS, proudly representing Shelbyville Central, teammates Dequan Twilley, Barry
Stewart, and Demario Ragland were named to the State All-tournament team, and Barry
Stewart was also named the Class AAA "Mr. Basketball" for the 2005-2006 season; and

WHEREAS, during Shelbyville Central's remarkable season, the team was crowned as champions of the Mid-South Classic, regular season District Champions, District Tournament Champions, Region 4AAA Runner-Up, and AAA State Runner-Up; and

WHEREAS, the athletes on this amazing team include Dequan Twilley, Barry Stewart, Matt Johnson, Demario Ragland, Robby Rowland, Chandler Gross, Tory Robertson, Stephon Ransom, Julian Haile, Michael France, Deonta Twilley, Jordan Cooper, and Jacob Carkuff; and

WHEREAS, the 2005-2006 Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles were ably led by Head Coach Kevin Thomas and Assistant Coaches Aaron West, Chris Wilkins, Jeff Mitchell, and Jon Martin; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable basketball season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have found success both on the court and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Kevin Thomas, his staff, and the members of the 2005-2006 Shelbyville Central High School boys' basketball team on a tremendous season and wish them well in their future endeavors. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.